

July 8, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Siphonina Davisi Zone, Reservoir A
WEST BURTON FIELD
St. James and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of BTA Oil Producers to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Siphonina Davisi Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Burton Field, St. James and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Siphonina Davisi Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Burton Field, St. James and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for this zone and to force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created.
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the unit so created.
4. To provide that any well drilled outside of the Siphonina Davisi Zone, Reservoir A, shall be in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
5. To provide that the Commissioner may reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such reclassification be warranted, based on evidence furnished the Commissioner.
6. To discuss any other matters that may be pertinent to this application.

The Siphonina Davisi Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Burton Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,818' and 11,471' (electrical log measurements) in the BTA Oil Producers - Hawthorne No. 1 Well (SN 230235), located in Section 59, Township 12 South, Range 15 East, St. James and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of the West Burton Field, St. James and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana, and will cause the legal notice of the hearing to be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation published in the vicinity of the West Burton Field, St. James and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

Any pertinent data relating to the subject application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from David Comeaux at Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505 (337)233-9839.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure, a preapplication conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on July 8, 2005, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance.

The conference was opened with a discussion by Mr. David Comeaux, representing BTA Oil Producers concerning the nature and purpose of the conference and the bases for the applicant's proposed unit.

Mr. Travis Helms, representing Hawthorne Land Company, et al, the co-applicant, presented their proposal.

Mr Charles Smith, representing Napoleon Cypress Company, presented a counterplan to both applicants, which plan differed primarily in the placement of the north bounding fault and the southeastern boundary.

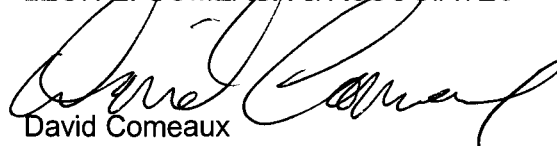
Questions regarding all plans were asked and answered. Differences could not be resolved between the parties in attendance, but agreed to continue working towards a resolution

There are attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit, the conference attendance list, and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties and proposed unit plat (**being the same plat attached to the June 17, 2005 preapplication notice**) are being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, said plat and the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, BTA Oil Producers, in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES


David Comeaux

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Enclosures

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Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties

